Sinclair Broadcasting is not serving the public interest, but rather simply electioneering for their chosen candidate, that is, making an in-kind contribution to the George Bush campaign.

They are actually doing so at the expense of the local stations and at the expense of the interests of the local communities they are supposed to serve. Prime time programming is placed in prime time because it is popular with vast numbers of people. Sinclair is forcing its local affiliates to air, instead, an hour-long political commercial.

This blatant electioneering is one more piece of evidence that the U.S. cannot afford any further media consolidation.

Sinclair, Clear Channel, Fox News, and other media conglomerates are becoming the political arm of the Republican Party. This does not serve our democracy. We need our local radio and TV stations back.